

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 my flights from Illinois did not arrive in Washington at their predicted time. As a result, I was unable to attend the first vote on rollcall No. 154. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the Question of Consideration of the Resolution.

HONORING QUINTON COLE
WHITAKER**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Quinton Cole Whitaker. Quinton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Quinton has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Quinton has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Quinton has become a Foxman, a Warrior in the Tribe of the Mic-O-Say and has acted as Patrol Leader and Den Chief. Quinton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Quinton, after discussion with the Elmo, Missouri Betterment Club created a new park, complete with a trio of all wooden picnic tables and a pair of A frame swings.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Quinton Cole Whitaker for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

CONGRATULATING ANNE AND
JACK MURPHY**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I offer my warmest congratulations today to Anne and Jack Murphy on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary and Anne's 90th birthday. We join in celebration with their three children and their families including seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Anne's sister, Mary Jane, their nieces and nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Teresa Anne McSorley was born on March 23, 1922, at the McSorley Ranch in Chili Gulch, near Mokelumne Hill, in Calaveras County, California, and Raymond "Jack" Murphy was born on March 16, 1918, and raised at the Murphy family home on St. Charles Street in San Andreas, also in Calaveras County, California.

The young couple first met at a dance at the Mokelumne Hill Town Hall in 1935 when they were 14 and 18. Jack graduated from Calaveras High School in 1935 and went on to earn a MBA Degree in Business from Stanford University in 1941. Anne, also a graduate of Calaveras High School, Class of 1939, went on to attend UC Berkeley for two years and Munson School of Business, and later worked for the manager of Rexall Drug Store in San Francisco. The couple dated for about three years, became engaged and were married on May 2, 1942, in San Andreas, before Jack became an ensign for the US Navy. Jack served in the Second World War in Alaska, then Europe and finally the Pacific Theater in 1945. Jack Murphy attained the rank of Lieutenant, Senior Grade was given command of the USSYS 359, a mine sweeper.

Anne and Jack Murphy have three children, Kathleen; Dennis; and Teresa; and raised them in California at homes they made in Park Merced, Santa Monica, Sherman Oaks, and Corona Del Mar. Jack managed the Murphy Hain Company, while Anne devoted her time and talents to her family, her children's Catholic schools and her favorite charity, St. Anne's, until the couple retired to their current home in Roseville, Northern California.

Anne and Jack Murphy teach us all that is key to a long life and happy marriage: love, friendship, mutual respect, faith, patience, humor, rounds of golf, card games, good books, soap operas, time in the yard, hometown memories, world travel, family vacations and trips to the ranch, a cocktail or two, and the value of time spent with family and friends.

HONORING JOURNEYMEN LINEMEN

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this day, April 18, as a day of honor for Journeymen Linemen.

Accordingly, I have introduced H. Res. 561 to recognize April 18, 2012, as National Journeymen Linemen Day in order to honor these brave men and women for their contributions to protect public safety.

Journeymen Linemen are often the first responders during a storm or other catastrophic event, which means these brave men and women are often required to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes. Linemen work with thousands of bolts of electricity high atop power lines every day of the year in order to protect the nation from dangerous electrical currents.

The profession of Journeymen Linemen is steeped in tradition and family, both professionally and personally. Generations ago, Linemen climbed poles using hooks and blocks, but as technology has grown through the years, innovative Linemen have pioneered advancements with innovative materials, altering the direction of line work for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the extraordinary commitment and courage demonstrated everyday by the nation's Journeymen Linemen.

HONORING ALEX JOSEPH
ALSHOUSE**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Joseph Alshouse. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 247, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Alex has earned the Order of the Arrow, Star Rank, Life Scout and is a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Alex has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Alex oversaw construction and installation of two bridges over a ravine so that students at Northview Elementary School could evacuate further away from the school in case of an emergency.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Joseph Alshouse for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING CAPTAIN KYLEANNE
HUNTER, U.S.M.C.**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Captain Kyleanne Hunter served in the office of the Second District of South Carolina as a Military Fellow from January–December 2010. After leaving our office, she served in the Marine Corps Liaison office on Capitol Hill. In the coming months, Captain Hunter plans to serve in a Reserve unit with the U.S. Marine Corps while attending graduate school at the University of Denver. She has been accepted into the very competitive Sié Fellows Program which will further her education in international studies.

Throughout her service, she consistently demonstrated her expertise and knowledge by providing timely and accurate information to the Congressional Members and their respective staffs. Captain Hunter was a vital asset for all matters relating to the Marine Corps in the House of Representatives. Members and staffers alike respected and trusted Captain Hunter's straightforward and dependable assistance. Her forthrightness and knowledge were key attributes in maintaining the Marine Corps' superb relationships with the many Members of the House of Representatives.

Throughout her tour, Captain Hunter personally responded to, or supervised hundreds of congressional inquiries, some of which gained national level attention. Through her exceptional inter-personal skills and broad knowledge in a wide range of military affairs,